

The cover art features a large, pale, stitched-up face with glowing red eyes and a wide, toothy grin, surrounded by green, viscous liquid. Above it is a dark, skeletal face with glowing green eyes. The background is dark with red, fleshy, tentacle-like structures.

# SCREAM

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#### PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

As Al Simmons reveals himself to be Spawn, the news spreads around the world thanks to the internet and social media. Spawn's ultimate plan is to draw out the killer of his wife by revealing himself to the masses and he does just that. Spawn's oldest nemesis, the Violator, materializes to Spawn and tell him he is finally putting an end to the Hellspawn. After a wicked fight between the two, Violator transports them to a sunny desert where he knows Spawn's powers will be drained because there are no shadows for him to hide in. Once the Hellspawn's powers are gone, the Violator, now in Clown form, pierces Spawn's skin and hangs him on a cross to die.





WHAT A  
WASTE.



I NEVER  
UNDERSTOOD  
WHY MALEBOLGIA  
KEPT YOU  
AROUND SO  
LONG.

WOULDN'T  
HAVE BEEN MY  
CHOICE.







BUT HE'S GONE NOW. YOU DON'T KNOW *HOW BIG* A FAVOR YOU DID FOR SOME OF US WHEN YOU DECAPITATED HIM.\*

DUDE WAS NEVER THE SAME AFTER THAT. AND WITH YOU TAKING OUT SATAN TOO, THAT'S LEFT A PRETTY BIG GAP TO BE FILLED. UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THOSE WHO FILLED THE GAP, DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER USE FOR YOU. THAT'S WHY THEY SENT ME.

DIDN'T INTEND ON MUTILATING MYSELF... BUT WHAT'RE YA GONNA TO DO? IT'S MY BAD. IF I'M GOING TO "NAIL SOMEONE TO A CROSS," NEXT TIME I SHOULD BRING SOME NAILS.

THOUGH, MY CLAWED FINGERS SEEM TO BE DOING THE JOB. HOW DO THEY FEEL, ANYWAY?



FORGET  
IT.

YOU  
DON'T NEED  
TO ANSWER. I  
SEE BY THE JOY  
ON YOUR FACE, IT'S  
NOT EXACTLY  
YOUR FAVORITE  
THING.

THAT'S  
ALRIGHT. YOU'VE  
CAUSED ME PLENTY  
OF PAIN IN THE PAST,  
SO I GUESS WE'RE  
KINDA EVEN.

DO YOU  
KNOW WHY  
I BROUGHT  
YOU OUT  
HERE?

C'MON!

OF COURSE,  
YOU DO. YOU'RE SO  
OBSESSED WITH GETTING  
ANSWERS TO WHO KILLED  
YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE  
WIFE, WHY WOULDN'T  
YOU WANT MORE  
DETAILS?

I DON'T  
CARE.

UNLESS  
YOU'RE JUST  
PLAYING, AND  
THIS IS ALL JUST A  
GAME. SO, LET'S  
HAVE SOME  
FUN.

LICK

HEY? YOU  
WANT TO SEE  
A TRICK? I DON'T  
THINK I'VE SHOWN  
YOU THIS ONE  
BEFORE.

CRACK

CRICK





THE HELLISH DWARF'S  
LIGAMENTS AND CARTILAGE  
STRETCH ... RE-FORMING  
THEMSELVES.

SEE!

DOES  
THIS LOOK  
FAMILIAR? DO I  
REMINDE YOU OF  
ANYONE?!



I HELPED  
CREATE THE FIRST  
'SPAWN'. EVERYTHING  
YOUR SYMBIOTE DOES, I  
HAD A HAND IN DESIGNING.  
WHY DO YOU THINK HELL  
SENT ME TO TEST *EVERY*  
SPAWN THAT'S  
EXISTED?

BECAUSE  
THEY KNEW IF  
ANY OF THEM COULD  
DEFEAT ME, THAT SPAWN  
WOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE  
OVER THEIR THRONE.  
BUT THEY HAVEN'T. NOT  
ONE SPAWN HAS EVER  
COME CLOSE TO  
PROVING THEIR  
WORTH.

AND  
YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO BE THE  
FIRST. SHIT, YOU'RE  
NOT EVEN IN THE  
*TOP FIVE!*







YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE YOU'RE STUPID. DID YOU REALLY THINK EXPOSING YOUR IDENTITY WAS GOING TO PROTECT YOU SOMEHOW?

NOPE. IN FACT, IT'S HAD THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.



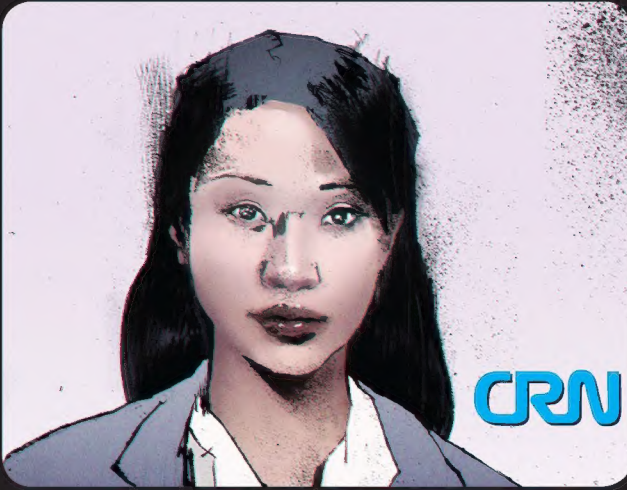
THEY JUST WANTED ME TO CAPTURE YOU, BUT WHEN YOU DID THAT, YOU CROSSED A LINE. AND NOW--THEY CAN'T LET YOU LIVE.

IMAGINE! THEY'RE WALKING AWAY FROM GETTING TO TORTURE YOU. THAT'S HOW PISSED OFF THEY ARE.



THEY JUST WANT YOU GONE.





"Our investigations into the mysterious return of Lt. Col. Albert Francis Simmons provides more questions than answers, as well as new, yet limited, insights into a fallen hero's tragic family history. While officials at the Pentagon, and other governmental and military agencies have been unable or unwilling to provide details pertaining to Lt. Col. Simmons' military records, independent research has also come up short.

One unnamed source claims all Pentagon records connected to Simmons's career have gone 'missing'. Our source was very careful with his choice of words. He said, *"All records were missing"*. Not misplaced. Not misfiled. Everything they officially tracked and recorded related to Al Simmons' military service file are gone.

And now, all attempts to glean details from any military relationships have also proven fruitless. As for Simmons' own family, it appears they are no strangers to unexplained deaths either.

More tonight at Eleven.



More troubling news coming out of the story everyone is talking about: Al Simmons, the dead-but-not-dead hero who saved President Mitchell from assassination, isn't the only one connected to this story whose life and death has been marked by unknown tragedy. Multiple outlets have attempted contact those closest to Simmons only to find that his ex-wife, Wanda Fitzgerald, recently died under mysterious circumstances. Her widower husband, Terrence Fitzgerald, isn't speaking to the media, and his daughter, Cyan Fitzgerald is, get this... Nowhere to be found. She is missing. Yet no report has officially been filed on her behalf and no one has made contact with her since our investigation into the Simmons' matter began.

But wait, there's more... Al Simmons has two brothers, Marc and Richard. Marc works for the FBI, and you guessed it, he has not been seen or heard from either. It's possible he's on-assignment. But no one will confirm that. As for Richard... I'm sorry to report, like the ex-wife, Al Simmons' younger brother also passed away under unexplained circumstances. We'll continue exploring these matters. For now, the mysteries of Lt. Col. Al Simmons' return only get deeper the more we dig. Who knows what we will or won't find next.




Let's be clear: What they want us to believe is... American-hero, Albert Francis Simmons, a Lieutenant Colonel in our honored, unassailable armed forces and ex-member of former-President Mitchell's Secret Service detail -- a man who **SERVED** this country, took a bullet to **SAVE** a President's life, and **DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY** - is now alive and well!

That's what **they're selling!** That's who they think **WE** are. That's who they think **YOU** are! The ignorant, easily-misled American public.

A man shows up in a ridiculous costume and sulies the name and legacy of a fallen hero and they expect us to fall in line and buy what they're selling. Fine! I'll bite. But someone please tell me...

If Albert Francis Simmons is still breathing, then who is buried, **WITH HONORS**, in his grave at the national cemetery? **Oh, wait!** That's right... Everyone closest to the man is either dead, missing or not talking. And any files on his service are conveniently missing. Cute story **LAME STREAM** media, but I know the truth. My viewers know the truth. This man is an impostor and any one saying otherwise is full of **\*BEEP\***.





REACTIONS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE CONTINUE TO STREAM IN, AS SOME POTENTIAL WHISTLE-BLOWERS ARE RUMORED TO BE COMING FORWARD, BUT THE ONLY STORY ANYONE IS CONCERNED WITH, IS WHERE HAS SIMMONS DISAPPEARED TO? A RECENT POLL FOUND THAT GETTING TO THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS IDENTITY, IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR 94% OF PEOPLE.

SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES HAVE BEGUN IN-FIGHTING, AS LEADERS FROM BOTH BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT ARE INSISTING ON GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF WHY LT. COLONEL SIMMONS' INFORMATION IS BEING WITHHELD FROM THE PUBLIC.

OUR REPORTERS ARE BEING TOLD BY COUNTLESS PEOPLE INTERVIEWED ON THE STREET, THAT THEY ARE SCARED OF WHAT THIS COULD ALL MEAN. IS HE A THREAT? A TERRORIST? NO ONE KNOWS AND THAT'S WHAT IS DRIVING THE APPALLING BEHAVIOR FROM MOST ELECTED OFFICIALS NATIONWIDE.

**TAP**

MR. ROSEN?

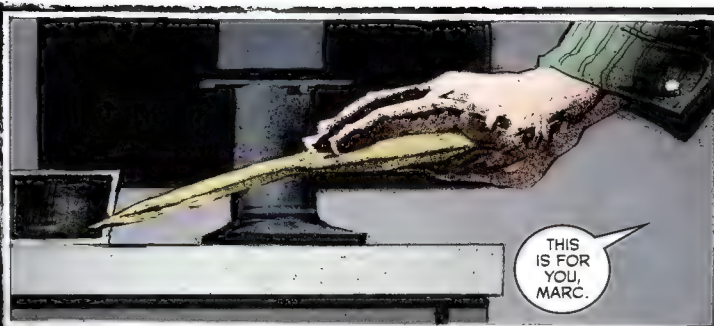






HE'LL  
CALL YOU  
WHEN THINGS  
SETTLE  
DOWN.

I COMPLETELY  
UNDERSTAND. I JUST  
CAME BY TO DROP  
SOMETHING OFF.



THIS  
IS FOR  
YOU,  
MARC.



MARC WAITS  
FOR HIS BOSS  
TO DISAPPEAR  
THEN TURNS TO  
THE ENVELOPE



WHERE HE QUICKLY  
REALIZES

HOLY  
SHIT.



HE'S HOLDING THE  
MISSING MILITARY  
FILES OF LT. COLONEL  
AL SIMMONS















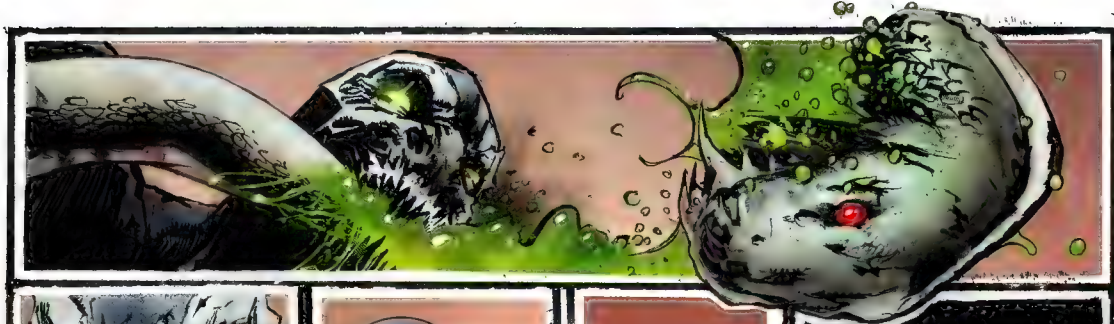
YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
TO DO  
THIS.

TURN  
YOUR BACKS  
ON THEM. JOIN  
MY SIDE.  
THERE'S STILL  
TIME.



AS QUICK AS THE  
SERPENTS ARE  
SPAWN IS QUICKER

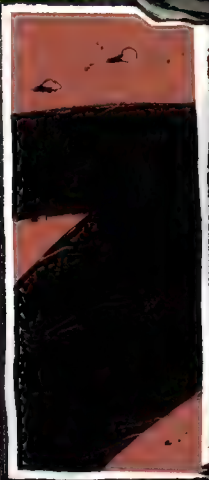




NOW...  
IT'S TIME I  
SHOWED YOU  
MY TRICKS.



RISE!



RISE, MY  
PETS. SHOW  
THEM WHO WE  
ARE!



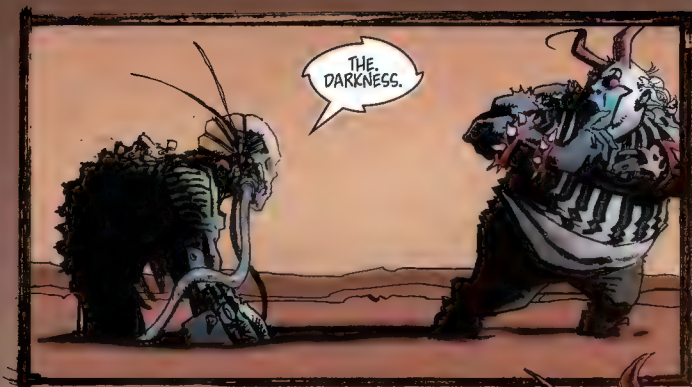
THE "FREAK"  
GROWS OUT FROM  
THE SANDS LIKE  
SOME MORBID  
PHOENIX

SHOW THEM...  
NO MATTER HOW  
BRIGHT THE SUN BURNS  
ITS ONLY REAL PURPOSE  
IS TO CREATE  
SHADOWS.



TELL  
HIM...  
TELL HIM  
WHERE WE  
LIVE.





THE DARKNESS.

ANOTHER SPAWN PET EMERGES

WE ALL LIVE IN THE DARKNESS.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A THIRD PET BEGINS TO APPEAR



I'M HAPPENING. HELL... MADE A MISTAKE! YOU'VE ALL MADE A MISTAKE!







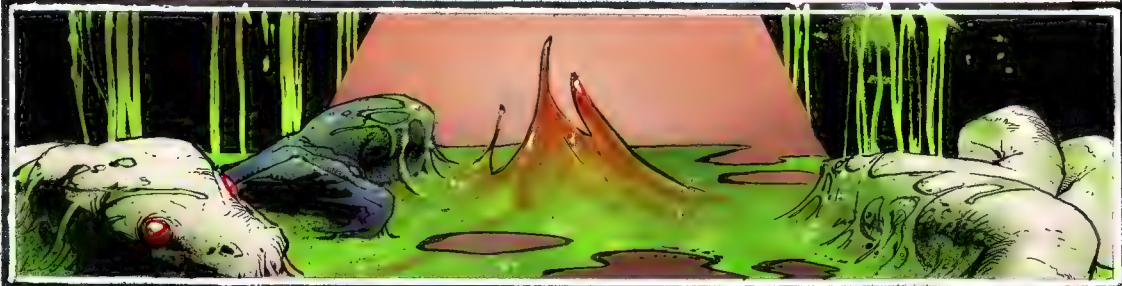
WHEN HELL  
KILLED ME, I  
DIDN'T DIE. I  
BECAME "UNDEAD."  
UNTIL RECENTLY I  
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT  
THAT MEANT.



NOW  
I DO.

LIKE HEAVEN  
AND HELL, I CAN  
RESURRECT THINGS  
BESIDES MYSELF.  
AND WHAT I  
RESURRECT, I  
CONTROL.

I'VE BEEN  
CONTROLLING  
EVERYTHING  
THE LAST TWO  
WEEKS.



DOWN  
TO EVERY  
LAST DETAIL. NONE  
OF THIS IS BY  
ACCIDENT.

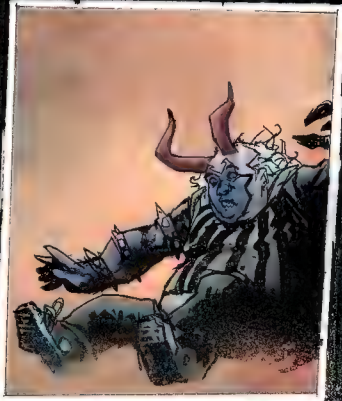


AND THE  
WAR I'M ABOUT  
TO UNLEASH...





TRIP



SNAP



NONE OF YOU CAN STOP IT.



YOU'RE GOING TO STAB ME?



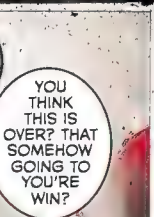
NO, THAT WON'T KILL YOU, BUT I KNOW WHAT WILL.

NOW... WHO'S YOUR NEW LEADER?

YOU'RE KIDDING!

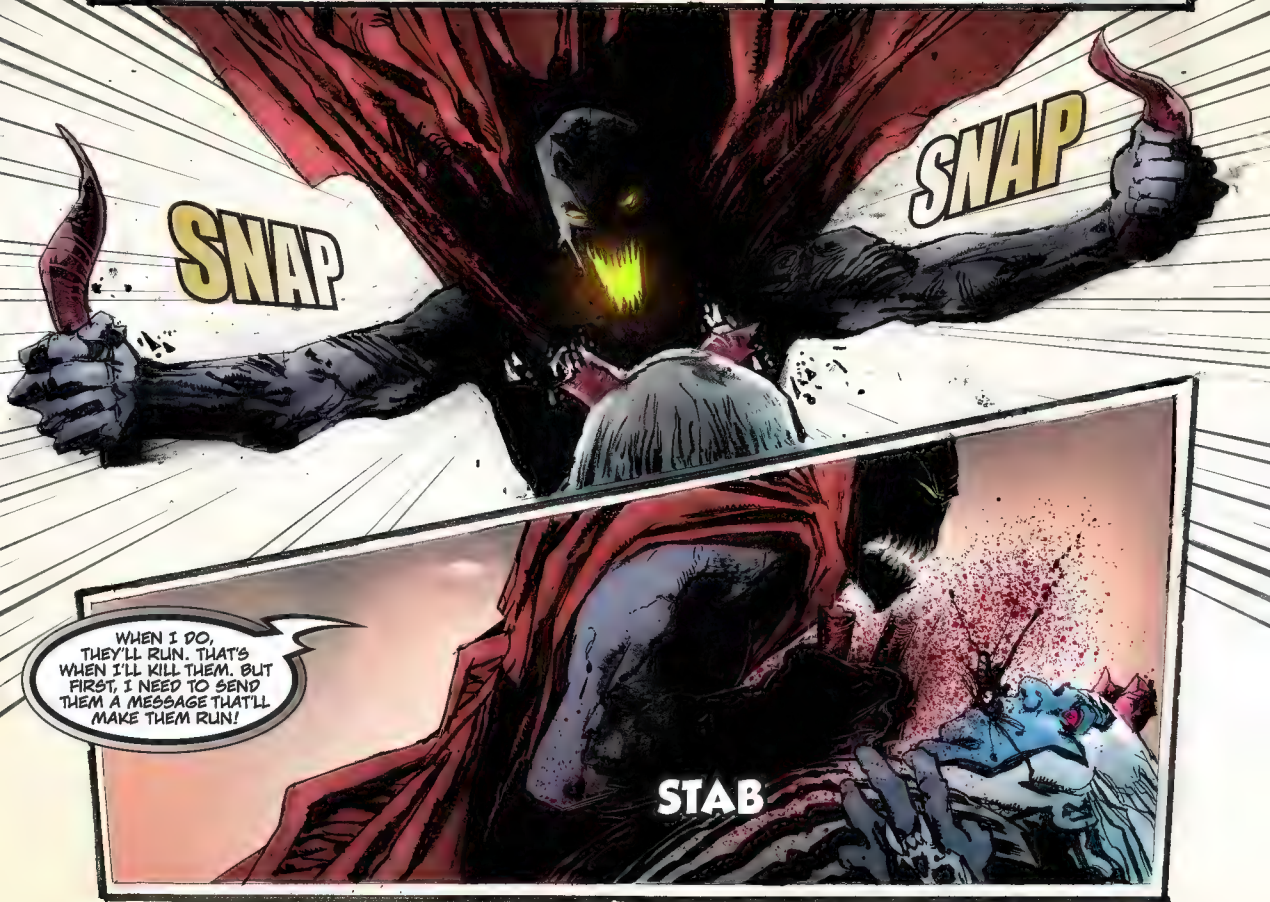


I DON'T DO THAT.



YOU THINK THIS IS OVER? THAT SOMEHOW GOING TO YOU'RE WIN?



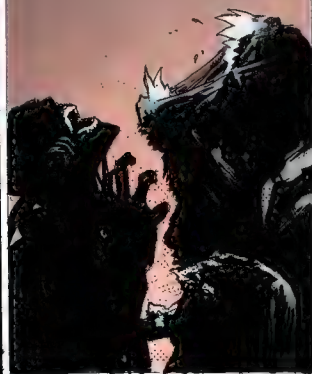






CY-GOR, THE FREAK, OVERT-KILL. HOWL AT THE SUN LIKE A PACK OF WOLVES. HOUR UPON HOUR THEY SCREAM, UNTIL BRIGHT SKIES FADE AWAY, AS TIME DELIVERS THE ONLY GIFT THAT MATTERS TO THESE CREATURES... **DARKNESS**. TIME HAS ONCE MORE BROUGHT THEM THEIR BELOVED BLANKET OF DARKNESS.

SHUCK





SOON THEY WILL ALL VANISH... MELT DOWN  
INTO SOME COLD, PITCH BLACK SHADOW. AND AS  
THE NIGHT WINDS WAIL AT THE SIGHT OF THIS GROUP  
BEING SWALLOWED INTO THE GROUND, THEIR  
MASTER GIVES THEM ONE LAST COMMAND.

WAR IS  
COMING. IT'S TIME  
FOR US TO GET  
PREPARED.

SOMEWHERE IN A HIDDEN  
CORNER OF EARTH...

BROTHERS,  
DID YOU SEE HIS  
RESURRECTIONS? HOW  
EFFORTLESS IT WAS? THIS  
SPAWN IS ON THE BRINK  
TO UNLOCKING HIS  
'TRUE' POWERS.

GET THE  
WORD OUT--I NEED  
EVERY AVAILABLE  
WARRIOR ON  
STANDBY.



NEXT: THE HISTORY OF  
SPAWN AND AL SIMMONS.



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## How about that!?

Can't go wrong when you end an issue with a demonic bastard's head on a pike!

Top that off with the Redeemer keeping tabs on Spawn and his new crew of undead rogues and things are heating up as we continue to pick up speed heading into SPAWN 300 (and 301!).

But... Before Spawn can face-off with his long-time Heavenly adversary in issue #298, the Redeemer is going to cast his judgment upon Al in a special TWO-PART story that explores Al's many trial, tribulations, lives and deaths from SPAWN #1 til NOW!!!!

With Jason Shawn Alexander providing epic, widescreen visuals and Todd weaving a tale that re-examines Al's legacy while setting the stage for the battles and mysteries and tragedies to come, issues #296 and #297 will challenge current SPAWN readers and introduce new fans to a hero's journey to Hell and back.

Don't want to give away any of the visual treats coming your way next issue, but here's a look at Todd's cover to SPAWN #298, a tribute to his first Amazing Spider-Man cover, fittingly enough done for an issue with a familiar number (hint: it was also #298)...

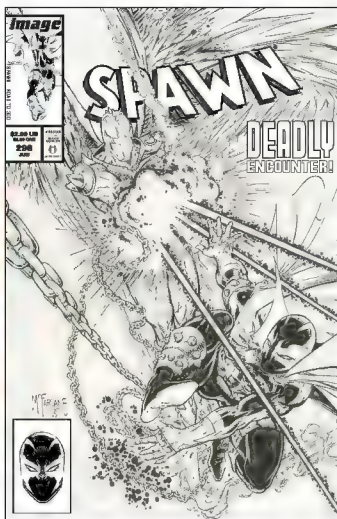


NEXT ISSUE

History of Spawn Part II



Spawn 298 main cover



Spawn 298 black & white variant

'Til next month. Give 'em Hell!

-Jon





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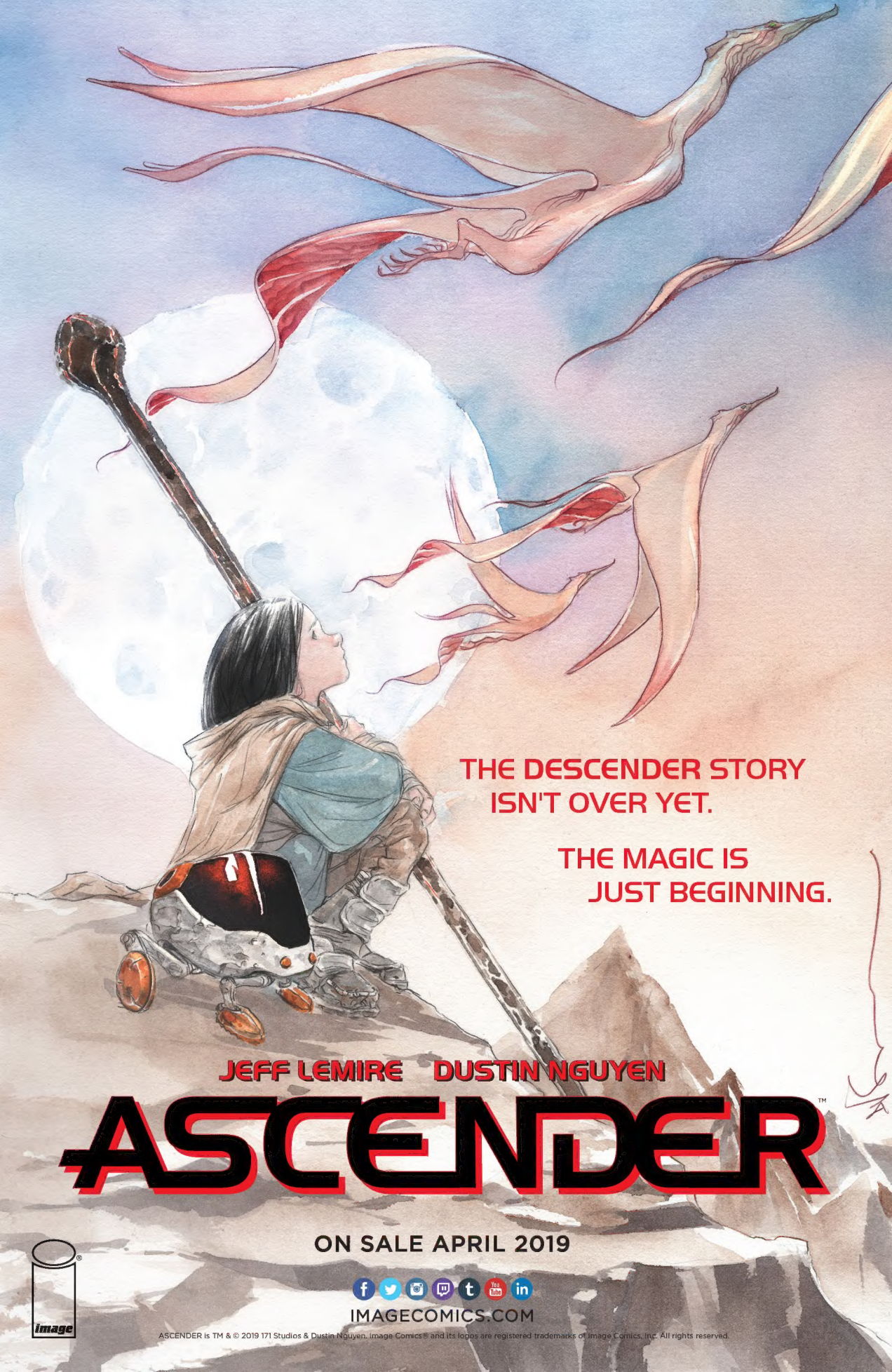
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**BOOK ONE**







## DEMON'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED.

Killed by his own men, Government Agent Al Simmons struck a deal with the devil, resurrecting him from the depths of hell. Returning to Earth he guards the forgotten alleys of New York City as the warrior Spawn, a hero unlike any other. Seeking answers about his past, Spawn grapples with the dark forces that returned him to earth, battling enemies and discovering unlikely allies.

Even though the doors of Heaven and Hell are now locked, there's enough evil on Earth to keep Spawn busy. But without his full powers, Spawn will have to find a way to fight his enemies without getting himself killed again in *Spawn: Hell on Earth*. Featuring the kinetic art and imaginative story-telling of Image Comics founders Todd McFarlane (*Spawn*, *Spider-Man*, *The Incredible Hulk*) and Erik Larsen (*Savage Dragon*, *Spider-Man*), as well as veteran *Spawn* artist Szymon Kudranski, this is one collection you don't want to miss!

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